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Dear Sir:

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Enclosed please find the following documents:

- ☒ Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment Based on Failure to Receive Office Action (2 pgs);
- ☒ Exhibit A (1 pg);
- ☒ Exhibit B (1 pg);
- ☒ Exhibit C (1 pg);
- ☒ Exhibit D (5 pgs);
- ☒ Exhibit E (1 pg);
- ☒ Exhibit F (3 pgs);
- ☒ Exhibit G (1 pg);
- ☒ Exhibit H (3 pgs).

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
BASED ON FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICE ACTION
(MPEP 711.03(c) II and 37 CFR § 1.181)

Dear Sir:

1. PETITION:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to withdraw the outstanding Notice of Abandonment, dated October 30, 2006. As set forth in the Statement hereunder, the subject application went "abandoned" for failure to pay an issue fee, despite applicants not having ever received a Notice of Allowance.

2. FEE:

In accordance with MPEP 711.03(c) II and 37 CFR § 1.181, no fee is required for this petition.

3. STATEMENT:

(a) Prior to June 20, 2006, the subject application was being prosecuted by a former outside patent counsel (i.e., Howard Zaretsky) to 3Com Corporation (i.e., the assignee of the subject application). By a letter dated February 22, 2006, said former outside patent counsel was instructed by 3Com Corporation to commence transferring responsibility for the subject application (among many others) to 3Com's in-house patent counsel (i.e., the undersigned). (See, Exhibit A)

(b) On June 14, 2006 -- still in the midst of transferring said responsibility -- former outside patent counsel contacted the undersigned by e-mail, reporting that, in connection with the subject application, "Examiner Phan [called to] ... discuss a claim in order to place the case in condition for allowance." (See, Exhibit B). At this time, revised powers of attorney were still pending.

(c) On June 19, 2006, the undersigned called Examiner Phan to discuss the Examiner's suggestions for bringing the case to allowance. Agreement was reached, and the Examiner instructed the undersigned to fax him a revised Power of Attorney so that he could affect said agreement and issue a notice of allowance. (See, Exhibit C). On the following day, as per Examiner's instructions, the undersigned faxed the examiner the requested power of attorney, which was followed up with a voice mail confirmation. (See, Exhibits C and D). No further communications were received from the Examiner.

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(d) On July 10, 2005, 3Com received the PTO's "Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney" (dated 07/07/2006). (See, Exhibit E). The Notice was duly docketed. (See, Exhibit G.)

(e) Recently, on November 3, 2006 – several months after 3Com's last docketed entry – 3Com received a "Notice of Abandonment", dated 10/30/2006. (See, Exhibit F). According to the Notice of Abandonment, the subject application went abandoned because the "issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, has not been received".

(f) The undersigned contends that 3Com Corporation never received a Notice of Allowance.

(g) Further to Par. 3(f), the undersigned hereby submits 3Com Corporation's docket record for the subject application. (See, Exhibit G.). The last (and only) entry is said "Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney". There are no entries prior to this, because – as noted in Par. 3(a), above – the subject application was at the time being handled by former outside counsel. Also, the current Notice of Abandonment does not appear in the docket, owing to the need to pull it out of queue to more quickly attend to this Petition.

(h) More conclusively, the undersigned also hereby submits the PTO's "Notice of Allowance". (See, Exhibit H) The undersigned found the Notice of Allowance on PAIR only upon investigating the present "Notice of Abandonment". Despite Examiner Phan's instruction and suggestions, the "Notice of Allowance" wasn't mailed to the undersigned, but to Greenburg Traurig, LLP. The undersigned is not familiar with this firm, but surmise that it may be the former outside patent counsel's former employer or a firm otherwise affiliated with him. Whatever the relationship, the recipient of the Notice of Allowance was not an agent of or attorney for 3Com Corporation at the time of receipt. No communication was received by 3Com Corporation from this firm that the Notice of Allowance was sent to them.

4. CONCLUSION:

On the basis of the showing set forth hereinabove, the outstanding Notice of Abandonment should be withdrawn, and a new Notice of Allowance should be mailed to the undersigned attorney of record.

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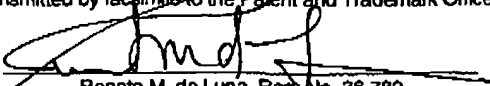
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